

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A compound comprising a first and a second chemically synthesized oligomeric compound, wherein:

each of said first and said second chemically synthesized oligomeric compounds is from 12 to 30 linked nucleosides in length;

said first chemically synthesized oligomeric compound is 100% complementary to said second chemically synthesized oligomeric compound and to a selected target mRNA;

at least one of said first and second chemically synthesized oligomeric compounds has comprises a plurality of 2'-hydroxy-pentofuranosyl sugar moieties; and

each of said first and said second chemically synthesized oligomeric compounds includes comprises at least one modified nucleoside comprising a sugar surrogate.

2-70. (canceled)

71. (previously presented) The compound of claim 1, wherein at least one of said first and said second chemically synthesized oligomeric compounds comprises at least one phosphorothioate linkage.

72. (previously presented) The compound of claim 1, wherein each of said first and said second chemically synthesized oligomeric compounds comprises at least one phosphorothioate linkage.

73. (previously presented) The compound of claim 1, wherein at least one sugar surrogate is selected from among a pyrrolidine nucleoside, a morpholino nucleoside, a cyclobutyl nucleoside, and a peptide nucleic acid nucleoside.

74. (previously presented) The compound of claim 1, wherein each of said first and said second chemically synthesized oligomeric compounds is from 15 to 25 linked nucleosides in length.

75. (previously presented) The compound of claim 1, wherein each of said first and said second chemically synthesized oligomeric compounds is from 17 to 25 linked nucleosides in length.

76. (currently amended) The compound of claim 1, wherein each of said first and said second chemically synthesized oligomeric compounds ~~has~~ comprises a plurality of 2'-hydroxy-pentofuranosyl sugar moieties.

77. (previously presented) The compound of claim 1, wherein each of said first and said second chemically synthesized oligomeric compounds comprises at least two modified nucleosides each independently comprising a sugar surrogate.

78. (previously presented) The compound of claim 1, wherein the mRNA is a mammalian mRNA.

79. (previously presented) The compound of claim 1, wherein the mRNA is a human mRNA.